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October 11, 2016

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

26 October 11, 2016

LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CONTRIBUTION TO THE
HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the County of Los Angeles' contribution of \$835,000 to the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority to fund general operating costs and the cost of professional services contracts to be administered by the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority for the proposed High Desert Corridor transportation project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that this activity is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve and instruct the Director of Public Works or her designee to transfer \$835,000 to the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the transfer of \$835,000 to the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority (HDCJPA) to fund general operating costs and the cost of professional services contracts to be administered by the HDCJPA. This funding is needed by the HDCJPA to continue its work to advance the development of the High Desert Corridor (HDC) transportation project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1). The development of the HDC transportation project will provide improved access and connectivity to regional transportation facilities and enhance traffic flow for County residents in the Antelope Valley, thereby improving their quality of life.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Funding for the County of Los Angeles' contribution of \$835,000 to the HDCJPA is available from the Supervisorial District 5's discretionary funds that are included in the Public Works' General Fund Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The HDC was officially designated in Section 1304 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A legacy for users as a high priority corridor on the National Highway System from Los Angeles to Las Vegas via Palmdale and Victorville.

On November 8, 2006, the Board of Supervisors approved Agreement 75922, a joint powers agreement with the County of San Bernardino, to create a nonfunded HDCJPA to pursue funding and provide for the planning, design, construction, financing, operation, and maintenance of the new freeway/expressway known as the HDC from the County of Los Angeles in the vicinity of the Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster to the County of San Bernardino in the vicinity of the Cities of Victorville, Apple Valley, and Adelanto. The formation of the HDCJPA was recommended without financial obligations from either the County of San Bernardino or the County of Los Angeles.

In Fiscal Years 2008-09 and 2009-10, the Board approved contributions of \$250,000 in each of those years to the HDCJPA to fund general operating costs. In Fiscal Years 2014-15 and 2015-16, the Board approved contributions of \$165,000 and \$250,000 in each of the respective years to the HDCJPA to fund the cost of professional services contract for studies related to the HDC transportation project.

The County of Los Angeles' \$835,000 contribution will be used by the HDCJPA to fund general operating costs and the cost of professional services contracts to be administered by the HDCJPA for the proposed HDC transportation project.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This action is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15262 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. This exemption provides for feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions that have not been approved, adopted, or funded.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will improve the quality of life for the residents of the Antelope Valley by providing funds for work that will ultimately enhance multimodal transportation and improve mobility.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel (Michael Moore)
Executive Office